

Remarks

Claims 1-30 have been rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. patent no. 5,926,166 ("Khederzadeh").

Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections because the cited references do not disclose or suggest every element of any pending claim, as the following analysis shows.

Claims 1-15 and 27 have been cancelled, rendering moot any rejection of those claims.

Independent claims 16, 20, 23, and 28 each recite generating an interrupt/signal/indication within a system management mode (SMM), in response to an event-driven action, and then responding to that interrupt/signal/indication while operating external to the SMM. Khederzadeh performs all the relevant operations of responding to an event-driven action while within the SMM (col 3 lines 58-61, col 4 lines 55-56). Khederzadeh repeatedly refers to the SMM BIOS, which is the BIOS that is accessible while running in SMM. Khederzadeh does not disclose or suggest all the limitations of any pending independent claim, and instead uses the conventional approach that Applicant's claimed invention is trying to avoid (see Applicant's paragraph 0004).

The remaining pending claims, including new claim 31, all depend from claims 16, 20, 23 and 28, and therefore contain the same limitations not disclosed or suggested by the cited reference.

Conclusion

For the foregoing reasons, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance, and indication of allowance by the Examiner is respectfully requested. If the Examiner has any questions concerning this application, he or she is requested to telephone the undersigned at the telephone number shown below as soon as possible. If any fee insufficiency or overpayment is found, please charge any insufficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2666.

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